

Remarks/Arguments:

In light of this Amendment, claims 1-59, 61-65 and 67-69 are pending, as this Amendment cancels claims 60 and 66. The Office action dated October 5th, 2005 allows claims 1-42 and 44-52, rejects claims 56, 60-61, and 66-67 as depending from a rejected base claim but otherwise allowable, rejects claim 43 as anticipated by newly cited art to Bachl (US Pat. 6,860,621), and rejects claims 53-55, 57-59, 62-65 and 68-69 as obvious over Holman in view of Bachl. As the referenced Office Action is final and prosecution on the merits is closed, the Applicant's lack of substantive comment as to the Examiner's asserted breadth for the term "micro-optical structures" is not to be considered acquiescence to or disagreement with that assertion.

Independent claim 43 is amended to recite the subject matter of allowable claim 66 (objected only for its dependence from rejected base claim 43), and is now seen to be in condition for allowance. Claim 66 is canceled, and dependency of claim 67 is amended in light of that cancellation. Each of claims 62-65 and 67-69 depend from claim 43 and are now seen to be in condition for allowance based at least on that dependency.

Independent claim 53 is amended to recite the subject matter of allowable claim 60 (objected only for its dependence from rejected base claim 53), and is now seen to be in condition for allowance. Claim 60 is canceled, and dependency of claim 61 is amended in light of that cancellation. Claim 61 is further amended to correct grammar, mirroring the language of claim 67. Each of claims 54-55, 57-59 and 61 depend from claim 53 and are now seen to be in condition for allowance based at least on that dependency.

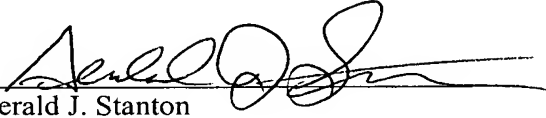
Formerly dependent but allowable claim 56 (objected only for its dependence from rejected base claim 53) is rewritten in independent form and is seen to be in condition for allowance. No claims depend from claim 56.

In view of the amendments made herein and the previous determination as to allowed and allowable subject matter, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner pass each of claims 1-59, 61-65 and 67-69 to issue. The undersigned representative welcomes the

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opportunity to resolve any matters that may remain, formal or otherwise, via teleconference at the Examiner's discretion.

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